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"TOMMY TUCKER TIME" AT JUNIOR PROM

**Alumni Head
Tom Niles Dies**



TOM NILES

College officials were saddened this week by the death of Thomas J. Niles at Troy, N.Y.

Niles, who was elected president of the National Alumni Association last June, had visited the campus earlier this month. Death followed an operation. He was 35.

The funeral is scheduled today (Saturday) at 9 from his late home, 1 Shelton Ave., Troy, followed by a solemn high funeral Mass at 9:30 in Our Lady of Victory Church at Troy.

Rev. Vincent B. Maloney, assistant to the president, Rev. Francis E. Moriarty, Alumni secretary, Salvatore Lanzetta, Alumni vice president, and John Donoghue, public relations director, will attend the funeral.

Niles founded the Capital District Club as an undergraduate. After getting his B.S. degree in 1937, he continued his interest in the Alumni, serving as a director. He had been employed by Adirondack Foundries and Steel Company at Watervliet.

His wife, the former Mary Gero of Burlington, and four children survive.

Coming Events

WEEK OF MARCH 26

Mon. 4:30 MICHAELMAN (Aquinus)
6:30 Mixed Chorale (CH 5)

Tues. 4:00 Debating (Aq. 202)
6:30 Male Chorus (CH 5)
7:00 Chemistry (S. H. 107)
7:45 SMC Band (CH 5)
7:45 IRC (CH 46)

Wed. 7:45 Spanish Club (CH 30)

Thurs. 6:30 Mission Crusade (CH 46)
7:00 Labor Relations (CH 45)
7:45 Male Chorus (CH 5)

Fri. 6:30 Choir (Chapel)
7:45 SMC Band (CH 5)

Sat.

Campus Movies Get Cooperation

by Ralph Diehl

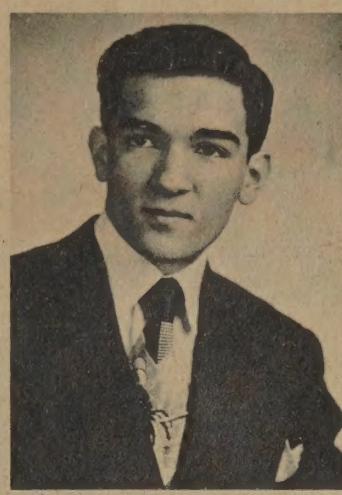
If the fellow who said, "I'll see you in the movies," was a Michaelman, he wasn't kidding. A crew, made up of students, faculty and administrative members, is making a movie of life on the campus.

This film, in technicolor, will be based on a script written by Michaelmen, produced, and starring Michaelmen.

The purpose of this "Operations Celluloid" is to record for the students and alumni the life they are and were living. This "life" must appear to be natural which means if a student realizes he is being photographed, he should disregard the camera and go about his business. A picture of one of our "worthy" scholars going through all kinds of fantastic gymnastics will hardly give a good impression of the rest of the school. Shots such as these will also have to be

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Benefit Concert Slated Next Week



JOSEPH DURSI

by BOB PROVENCHER

The Mission Crusade is sponsoring a piano concert to be given by soloist Joseph Dursi, next Sunday, April 2. Proceeds will be given to the Selma Alabama Boys Club.

Although Joseph Dursi is only sixteen years of age, he has been studying piano for eleven years. His teacher is Mr. Laurence Honan of Danbury, Conn.

Dursi graduated from St. Francis grammar school and is now attending Stepinac High of White Plains, N.Y.

No tenderfoot when it comes to giving concerts, Dursi has had much experience and success as a piano soloist. He was guest soloist at the New York Athletic Club's annual spring concert which was held in Danbury last week. He has also given other concerts in various high schools in New York. Joseph has also had experience in radio as he played for three straight weeks over a New York station.

His field of accomplish-

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Name Band Will Play At May 12 Dance Here

"It's Tommy Tucker Time," the familiar phrase that heralds an evening of splendid musical entertainment, will introduce one of America's outstanding orchestras when Tommy Tucker appears at Memorial Auditorium on Friday, May 12.

SMC Seniors Turn Teacher

by RALPH KISTNER

Next month some 40 St. Michael's seniors will begin their practice teaching program in various Vermont high schools.

For several years now St. Michael's College has been sending students to the local high schools. The prospective teacher greatly benefits by this program. Not only does it give him a glimpse into the future but more important it enables him to utilize the theories he has learned in his educational classes.

The trainee program consists of 60 hours of observation and 30 hours of actual teaching. The student teachers are under the supervision of a regular teacher to whom they have been assigned upon entering their respective high schools. It is during the observation period that the style and method of procedure are noted by the students.

During the actual teaching period the trainee is under strict surveillance. His style, his appearance and his ability to maintain class discipline are all noted. These plus other numerous minor points are recorded, and upon completion of the program sent back to St. Michael's to be reviewed by the professors.

Joe Shea, junior class president, announced this week that he has contracted Tucker to play for the Junior Prom.

This is the second year in a row that the prom has featured "name" band. Last year, Charlie Barnet made the music for the prom.

Tommy Tucker and his orchestra, one of the best show units, has delighted audiences the country over in hotels, theaters, ballrooms, clubs and colleges. Recent engagements at the Hotel Astor Roof in New York, the Roosevelt Hotel in Washington, Copley-Plaza in Boston, the Essex House in New York, Statler in Cleveland, Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, El Patio Ballroom in San Francisco, and Elitch's Gardens in Denver among many others has brought wide acclaim.

Theaters where Tommy Tucker and his crew have delighted the fans include the Roxy,



TOMMY TUCKER

Capital and Strand in New York, the Oriental and Chicago Theaters in Chicago, the Earle in Philadelphia, Stanley in Pittsburgh, and the Riverside in Milwaukee.

On the air Tommy has been heard innumerable times on each of the major networks on dance music pick-ups. He also appeared on the Fitch Bandwagon and the Coca-Cola "Spotlight Bands" program, completed a long period on the New York "Pot O' Gold" for Tums.

As record sellers, the Tucker group has few equals. It has long been one of the nation's biggest platter attractions in coin machines and in the home. Two recordings alone, "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire," and "The Man Who Comes Around," have sold more than 600,000 discs and are still going strong.

A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH!

by Chub Helfrich

"The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick." This is the official title of the members who participated in the First Annual St. Paddy's Parade held in Burlington on Friday, March 17th. After electing Mrs. Sloane Simpson O'Dwyer Honorary Chairwoman via telegram and acquiring a permit with police escort, these Sons of Erin formed two contingents in front of Burlington's City Hall.

At the head was the City Hall brigade under the able leadership of Jim (WHAT!!!) Conboy and last but not least came the Lotus contingent led by Ray (I've been known) O'Keefe. The marchers then proceeded up St. Paul Street to the tune of "McNamara's Band" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" furnished by Ben LeClerc on one trombone (but it was loud). Thence over Pearl Street and in a blaze of Irish glory down church Street. After much Erin Go Bragh'ng and Wearing of the Green it was resolved that this thing was here to stay.



The Pen and Mike Club's weekly radio program, "Catholic Information On the Air," now is heard at a new time. The program will henceforth be heard over WJOY every Sunday at 12:30, instead of 1:30. The programs will consist of Catholic dramatic performances, music and Church news of general interest.

Let's All Be Fanatic About Our Religion

In keeping with a MICHAELMAN policy begun last Spring we are printing this article which was submitted by a student. The policy for such articles is the same as the policy for letters to the editor: they must be signed, but pseudonyms will be used on request.

Must we all become priests before we begin to demonstrate our love for Christ? Must we all go in crows and robes before we begin to interest ourselves in what we believe? The time will never come if it does not begin now. Then let it come now!

Do we say we are sick to death with everything 'Catholic,' and cry out with great lungs, "let us have anything but Catholics!" What do we know of Catholicism? We attend Mass impeccably dressed, swaggering fashion plates upon Sunday mornings. We sit restlessly, kneel heroically, rise irritably, our minds quite wholly concerned with the number of females in the congregation who have been overwhelmed by our magnificent presence, and who are gasping with suppressed desires to throw themselves at our gallant, witty, and impeccable shoes.

Hooray for Us!

We are fond of throwing alcoholic bombs in the midst of dull little meetings, little neo-pagan parties, but our bombs are stink bombs for they only reveal the stagnation in our own minds and

- CHRISTOPHER

Campus Movies

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retaken.

The cooperation thus far by the photogenic students has been very good. This is remarkable considering that all of thirty-seven indoor and outdoor shots have already been taken. The shooting will continue through June.

After the Easter vacation, a preview of the film will be shown in Austin Hall. This will include all the shots which will have been taken by then. Nothing will be cut out until after this showing. This should prove very interesting.

The "MICHAELMAN" will give a blow-by-blow account of the progress of "Operations Celluloid" throughout the coming weeks.

Hartford Dance During Easter

Students in the Hartford area will have a chance to rub elbows with the Alumni Michaelmen at the Easter dance.

According to an announcement from Alumni Secretary, Rev. Francis Moriarty, a dance will be held Friday, April 14 in the Hotel Bond, Hartford.

Fr. Moriarty also revealed that there will not be a dance in the New York area at this time.

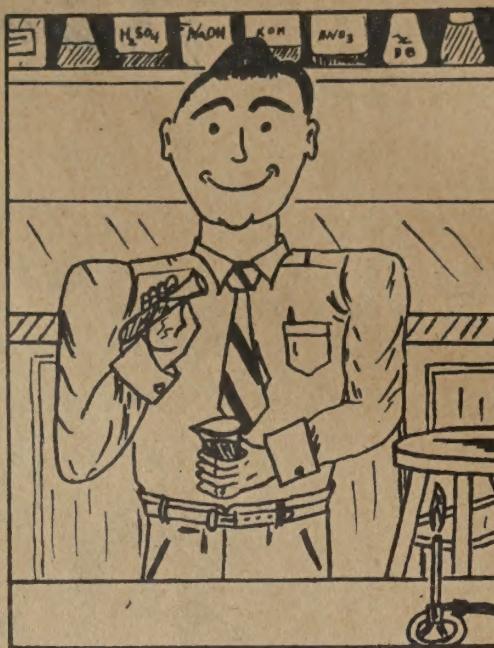
The Hartford dance is being held in the Egyptian room of the Bond. Tickets, which are \$3.60 per couple, are being sold by Joe Briganti and by the Alumni Office, first floor, Old Hall.

Joseph LaBombard is president of the Hartford chapter of the Alumni.

MICHAELMAN Meeting
Monday, 4:30 P.M.

Famous Last Words

by becher



What did Doc say about mixing water with sulphuric acid? Oh well, it can't make much difference.

Introducing



Jim Feloney

DAN TARPEY

For the spirit which typifies the fighting Knights ice sextet I introduce to you Captain Jim "the Rocket"

The MICHAELMAN extends its condolences to Rev. E.J. Hamel, S.S.E., and Richard P. Johnson on the deaths of their fathers.

Benefit Concert

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ments has netted him several awards. He won the gold medal of honor given by the New York Conservatory of Music four years in succession.

GLEE CLUB SINGS

The program for next Sunday night will also feature selections by the St. Michael's Glee Club. This will be the first appearance of the club under its new moderator, Fr. Faustina.

There will be an advance sale of tickets for the concert. The prices are \$1.00 for the general public and \$.60 for students. Tickets on campus can be acquired from Jim McKown.

Legion Asks Law On State Workers

The MICHAELMAN received word this week from the American Legion headquarters that the Legion is bucking for a law which would establish the merit system within the departments of the State of Vermont.

This is of interest to college students due to the fact that, if passed, it could conceivably make it much easier for them to obtain jobs with the State.

The resolution was adopted March 4 by the Legion

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Feloney, Nicknamed "the Rocket" by his teammates, Jim is not only the fastest forward in the state, but finishes off his cometlike dashes with a rifle shot that is deadly and difficult to stop.

Feloney, a slender right winger of 155 pounds of dynamite hails from Cambridge, Mass. and was graduated from Cambridge Latin in '43. While at Latin, Jim received press notices from all over the New England circles for his fine stick work on the ice.

Whatever ideas the hockey moguls had of seasoning Jim Feloney were tossed out the window, when Jim enlisted as a Marine upon graduation.

Entering St. Michael's in '47 as a B.A. major the ex-Marine has been a sparkplug for the Purple and Gold pucksters the past three seasons, breaking all scoring records at the hilltop.

A hustling and bustling type of a player effervescent Jim would never qualify as a candidate for the Lady Byng

trophy. The rugged Cambridge junior spends his share of time in the penalty cage. How opposing goalies chortle with glee while Jim is sitting out in the cooler can be testified by "the Rocket's" amazing total of 18 goals coupled with 18 assists for an unbelievable total of 36 points in eight games.

The high scoring wingman points back to the recent Norwich tilt which the Knights won 9-6 in an overtime canto as the most thrilling encounter of his college career. It is not secret that Jim singles out Jack Wilkins, the Norwich stalwart center as the best all around player he has ever faced.

Middlebury has their Wendy Forbes and "Spider" Gibson; Norwich their Wilkins; B.C. their Lewis and Mulhern, but I believe these aces of the rink cannot hold Jim Feloney's stick when it comes to back checking on rival wingmen and banging the disc home with such precision.

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Debaters Break Trail For New England Trip



Rear: Jerry Finn, Moderator Prof. Murphy, and Larry LaFountain. Front row: Ray O'Keefe.

With debates due at four colleges, within three days, the Newman Debating Society left Thursday for its annual swing around New England.

The tour will find the debaters matching words with opponents at Holy Cross, Thursday; Boston College and Providence College, Friday; and the College of Our Lady of the Elms, Saturday.

Topic for the debate tour is: "Should the United States nationalize the basic industries. Of those making the trip, Bob Gelinas and A.J. Scanlon, say "yes," since they are upholding the affirmative. On the other hand, Larry Fafountain and Ray O'Keefe are ardently against the whole proposal due to the fact that they are the negative debaters.

Jerry Finn is remaining scrupulously neutral, for once, since he acts as alternate for both teams, and also as trip manager.

Debating Society moderator, Prof. Edward Murphy is also extremely neutral as the result of having heard the topic hashed and rehashed some 80 or 90 times in the past six months.

Labor Club Will Run Boston Panel

Although it is only a month old, the Labor-Relations Club has already established itself as a permanent fixture at St. Michael's.

In this short space it has sponsored an excellent Labor-Management Debate and completed plans to conduct the Labor Panel at the Regional N.F.C.C.S. Conference at Boston in April.

At this Labor-Workshop, six Michaelmen will lead the discussion on the overall theme "THE ENCYCLICALS: THE ANSWER TO MODERN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS."

FUTURE PLANS

Now that the club is organized, plans are underway for activities during the remainder of the school year.

At least one more debate by visiting Labor-Management experts is being contemplated. In addition the club members will discuss at their Thursday night meetings these pertinent topics: The Taft-Hartley Law; Profit Sharing and Management; Industrial Council Plans; and, Women in Industry.

The Club's subject matter is popular at St. Mike's, for Labor Relations has always been a field of interest hereabouts, according to President Bill Kenney. In the past many have felt that such a club was needed on campus.

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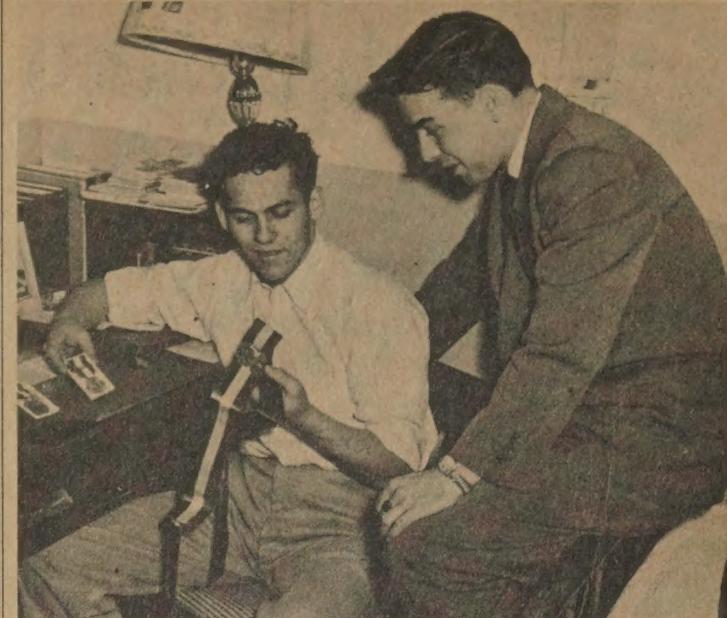
Special Honors To SSE Chaplain

A former St. Michael's College professor, still serving as an army chaplain, has been honored by Cardinal Innitzer of Vienna. He is Rev. F. B. Vanholme, S.S.E., headquarters, command chaplain.

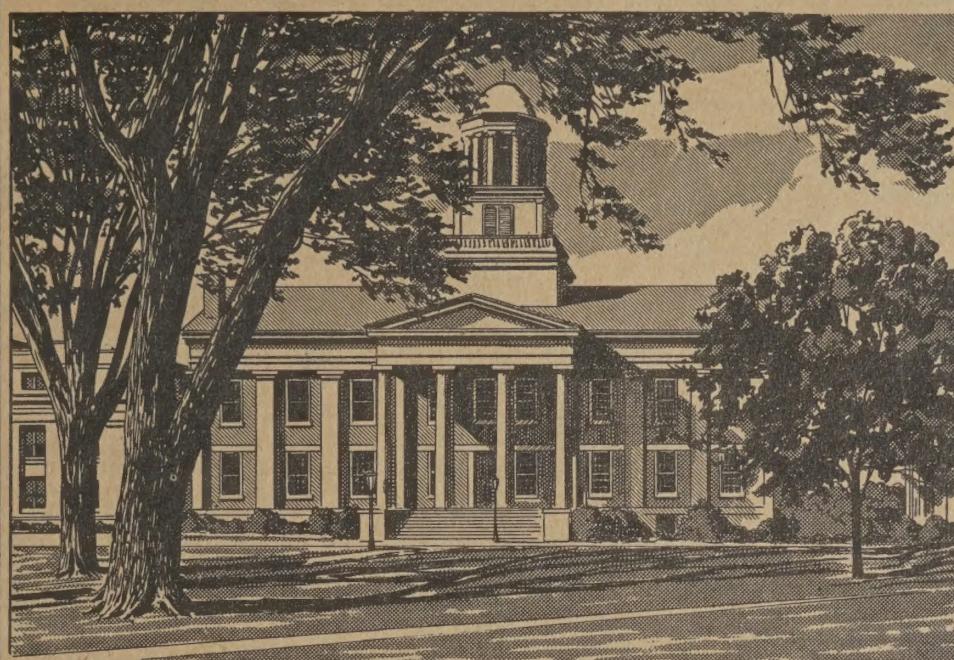
Fr. Vanholme has been made a member of the Consistorial Council of the Archdiocese of Vienna. He will serve as an advisor to the Cardinal who said it was the highest honor he could bestow.

Fr. Vanholme, one of six members of the Society of St. Edmund to serve as a chaplain during the war, entered the army in 1940. Now a major, he served during the war in the Southwest Pacific.

To The Victor



Forrest Rouelle, Golden Gloves finalist, is showing his belt to John LaBrake. In Rouelle's right hand is a medal from Boston. On the desk is another medal, won in the Burlington contests.



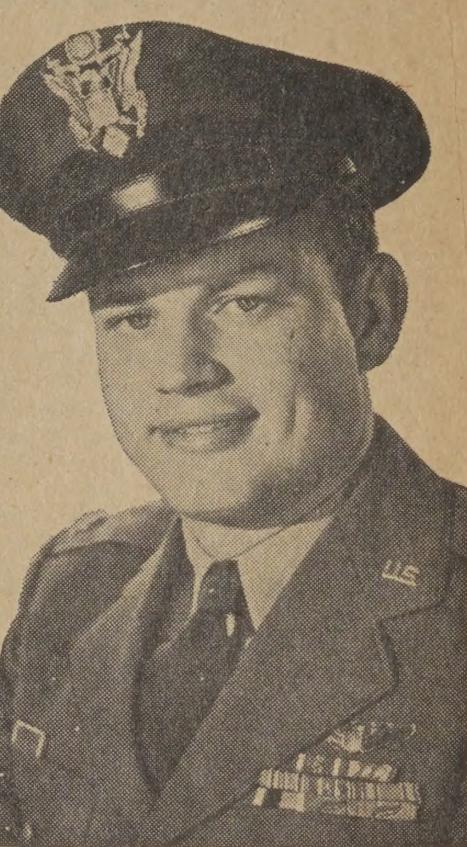
Major Roy Carlson, U.of Iowa, Training Executive, U.S. Air Force!



Born in Red Oak, Iowa, Roy graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School at Council Bluffs. He was ready to enter the University when war changed his mind.



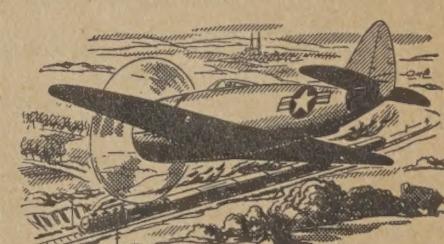
He went to work at Consolidated Vultee in San Diego, building PBY's and B-24's. But it wasn't long until he had put in his application for Aviation Cadet training.



Roy completed 125 combat missions, leading many of them, supporting the invasion and the advances on into Germany. Won Air Medal, D.F.C., many other decorations. Promoted to Captain, then to Major.



Back home, he married the lovely Army nurse from Lowell, Massachusetts, whom he had met at Cannes, France. After the honeymoon, he returned to finish his studies at the University of Iowa.



Cadet Carlson won his wings in April, 1943, was assigned to P-47 "Thunderbolts" with the 368th Fighter Group in England, to break ground for the Normandy invasion.



Major Carlson is now Chief of Operations, 2471st Air Force Reserve Training Center, at O'Hare International Airport, near Chicago. Has two husky sons, a fine job, a great career still ahead of him!



If you are single, between the ages of 20 and 26½, with at least two years of college, consider the many career opportunities as a pilot or navigator in the U.S. Air Force. Procurement Teams are visiting many colleges and universities to explain these career opportunities. Watch for them. You may also get full details at your nearest Air Force Base or U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Recruiting Station, or by writing to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, Att: Aviation Cadet Branch, Washington 25, D. C.



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EDITORIALS

Cut Controversy

For some two months now the chief topic of conversation on and around the Hilltop has been the late lamented cut system which went quietly out with the first semester.

In the time since the new system, or we should say, interpretation has gone into effect, the MICHAELMAN has never commented mainly because the editors, like a lot of others, didn't quite know what to think.

However, at long last we might as well go on record.

To begin with, and this won't win us many friends, we're NOT 'agin' it. After some soul searching we arrived at the conclusion that it is compatible with the whole philosophy of education here and, like it or not, it seems to be doing some good.

The term, philosophy, might bear some explanation. From observation it has always seemed to us that the principle behind Catholic education is to get education to as many students as possible. Concretely, the system works out this way: A secular college teaches a certain number of courses and seems to say, "take them or leave them - it's your loss, buddy." The Catholic college on the other hand, tries to make sure that the students both take, and pass, the courses. We aren't going to argue the system here, we're just explaining it the way it seems to us.

But if we accept this philosophy, it seems pretty obvious that the cut system, as it stands now, is a good thing. Fewer classes are being skipped and, in some cases anyhow, marks are improving because of this. That seems to answer the question whether the system is good or bad.

However, we'd like to contribute a few ideas. Take them for what they're worth.

First, we wish there had been some attempt to consult the Student Council ahead of time. This might have helped to prevent the confusion which existed during February. We're not suggesting that the Council set academic policy; we just think that the Council members are a pretty reasonable bunch who might possibly have contributed a few ideas or even foreseen the difficulties which arose.

Second, let's enforce it in an adult manner. In our mind, the worst possible thing we could do is turn it into another prep school system complete with the "bring-a-note-from-your-mother" routine. We're college students and we wish to be treated that way. We feel that our word is responsible. If we can't trust our own students, let's hang up. Obviously this should bind on the students too.

Third, regarding weekends. Much of the outcry against the change came from students who are either married, engaged or going steady back home. It's pretty easy to understand why these students appreciate a chance to get home once in a while. This is strictly our opinion but we feel the academic schedule should be drafted so as to allow at least one long weekend a month. A Monday off one month and a Saturday the next would probably solve the problem. We don't think that the "influx of younger students" will take care of the problem. We could always shoot Cupid.

Finally, with as strict a system as this we think it should be possible to use some discretion in allotting special holidays. For example, for a game in Boston. If we must have a precedent (are precedents always necessary?) we give you Iona College. When Iona played Siena in Albany a month ago, the day was declared a holiday for the students who attended the game. We didn't intend to editorialize on this particular subject, but we were just thinking that this might be a good time to set a precedent of our own. It's a thought.

To sum up: We've got a new system. We hate to admit it but it seems to be doing some good. But we want to see it managed on a college level both by the administration and the students.

The Hillwind

by Charlie Guill

"What is your opinion on dating "Dutch Treat?"



"JIGGER" DONAHUE (FROSH)

LAWRENCE, MASS.

Dutch treats are great things especially for the college student; but up here in the wilderness I find it pretty hard taking a girl out "dutch treat" because usually the girl you date is not your "steady."

Furthermore, most girls up here would consider it an insult to date in such a manner and, of course, it wouldn't be gentleman like!!



NICK TARRANT (FROSH)

RIDGEWOOD, N.J.

In my estimation a "dutch treat" every now and then is a good thing. It breaks the monotony of looking down into an empty wallet for the rest of the week.

For many years the women of the United States have been fighting for equal rights with the opposite sex. Through the use of the "dutch treat" they would take great strides in this direction and relieve the burden on the American male.



distrustful student could pick up stones and the like along the way and start a collection of same. With a little insight, this could easily develop into the Eastern Chapter of the "Rocky" Club. I hear tell it's been done before.

Thoughtlessly speaking, one could always live on campus.

Next year the new dormitory will very likely be completed. This will take the strain from both the roads and the cut system all at once. Velly easy, chop, chop.

But the athletic Joseph sez, "Walk, it'll do a person good to get this 'invigoratin' air into his musty lungs." He even promises that after a good hike up yon hill, one will possibly stay awake during an eight-thirty class. Could be...

In any event, this social dilemma will no doubt solve itself so what's the use of getting bald over it, use Fitch Shampoo...

..... By RALPH DIEHL

It Takes All Kinds

by early and loughlin



Howdy Doc!



Tommy Thomas and Doc finally get together in Jacobs' office.

Knights To Play In Turney Wed.

by FRANK SIMAS

The \$64 question has finally been answered. The National Catholic Tournament will be played. Tommy Thomas, tourney director, announced this week that the tourney will open Tuesday in Albany, New York, with eight teams competing. The tourney site was shifted to Albany after some difficulty was encountered in securing hotel reservations for Negro ballplayers in Baltimore, the original tourney site.

According to Tournament Director Thomas, the Knights will play Wednesday night.

Tickets for the game will be on sale in Doc Jacobs' office until Monday noon when the team leaves for Albany. All seats are reserved and sell for \$1.50 and \$1.80. Jacobs will give vouchers which will be exchanged in Albany for the actual tickets. The exchange point will be the Hotel Ten Eyck.

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Picking The Pennants In Major League Race

BY RAY DOHERTY

With the advent of a few sunny days squeezed in between the cold, snowy, and rainy ones, horsehide followers are optimistically turning their attention to the major league baseball season.

Why, I don't know since the skiing continues to be excellent, and present weather conditions indicate President Truman won't get a chance to test his 'soop-bone until around the fourth of July.

However, it would be interesting to see baseball played with snow shoes instead of spikes, and baseball caps fully equipped with fur lining and ear muffs. Stranger things have happened and you never can tell with these New England winters.

ON A LIMB

All of which brings me to the purpose of this article, (how, I don't know,) that of predicting how the major leagues will look come next October. I have never considered myself in the category of a "predictor" as I'm not

even a good guesser, so you need not worry if you disagree with me on one or all points.

Here's the way they'll finish according to Doherty's fearless, slightly prejudiced, and completely unreliable prediction.

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Put away the shotguns men, I warned you I was prejudiced. I would have picked the Red Sox even if the whole first team had broken legs. After all the "third time never fails" you know. But the fact



by Whit Bartlett



The most significant piece of news this week is the announcement that Director of Athletics, Doc Jacobs, has accepted the New England Regional Directorship of the National Catholic Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament.

Tommy Thomas, National Director of the tourney, made the announcement while in Burlington this week. Thomas believes that in five years this title chase will rank right up with the other big post-season Basketball attractions. Jacobs is the first regional director to be named and it certainly is a step in the right direction for sports at St. Michael's.

The plan is to divide the nation into 16 districts with a regional playoff being held in each area. The 16 winners would then meet in the National Finals in some metropolitan city.

TOURNEY TALK

The tourney in Albany this year is only the second one, so a few records may go by the boards. The high single game individual record is 28 points garnered by Ken Werba of St. Benedict's. Jack Lacey of Loyola of Baltimore, holds the individual tourney record with 78 points in four games. This record will probably stand this year because no team will play more than three games. The high team scoring record is held by Loyola with 75 points. At this writing the pairings haven't been announced yet, so it's a little early to tell who the favorite will be. Iona and Siena, by virtue of their fine season's records will probably be the favorites with St. Michael's and St. Francis of Loretto, Pa., as the dark horses.

HERE AND THERE

Andy Anderson, the boxer who defeated Forrest Rouelle at Lowell, went all the way in the Eastern Finals to cop the 147 pound Golden Glove title... Earl Markey, brother of Eddy is going great guns for the Holy Cross Frosh five. He's being touted as the next "Cousy" by Worcester sportswriters.... Watch for some good pitching on the frosh nine this spring. "Rock" Broccoli and Jack Lawrence have plenty on the ball. Broccoli has a couple of no-hit games to his credit and Lawrence was the top PSAL league hurler in New York City last year.

C. Otis Skinner At UVM Monday

Cornelia Otis Skinner, actress, author and monologuist, will appear in the Ira Allen Chapel at the University of Vermont on Monday evening, March 27, at 8:30.

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is, all of the regulars thus far appear to be in top shape, and barring injuries the Sox should have the best pitching staff in the league.

A team that is liable to give the Sox and the Yanks much trouble however is "darkhorse" Detroit. The Rolfe men may be the surprise team of the year.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

In the National League, the Braves look good with their new additions, but that Brooklyn depth in practically every department is too much to disregard and it appears the crew from Ebbets Field will repeat their 1949 performance.

From here it looks like the Phillies will be the team to watch in the Senior Circuit as the Darkhorse. They're young and a hustling ball club, which is about 50% of winning ball games.

Well, that's that. It's a good thing I don't wear a hat because I would probably be forced to eat it when the baseball season ends, but "I calls 'em the way I sees 'em." (Thank you, Red Skelton.)

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by Dick Wall

Well, believe it or not, we received a letter on the last column from no less an authority than Mr. Franklin Dunham, chief of radio of the Federal Office of Education of the Federal Security Agency.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Mr. Dunham, who by the way, is an honorary alumnus of St. Michael's, for his comments and encouragement. It only goes to prove that a really big man is never too busy to take an interest in the efforts of others.

Mr. Dunham concurs with our suggestion that sessions of Congress should be televised, and when you consider a thing of this kind, another question comes to mind. And it's an important one, especially with all the controversy today about how big government should be.

WHO'D DO IT

The question is, of course, who would televise the sessions? Would it be the government itself or some private sponsor?

There are many pros and cons on either side of the question. I believe all of us are in favor of an independent press and radio. It's just another example of checks and balances that insure our freedom.

But in this case would any sponsor be strictly impartial in bringing the nation congressional debates. For example, would an oil company sponsor a broadcast which was taking up the question of increasing the taxes on the oil industry. Certainly such a company would be forgiven if it acted in its own self interest. Therefore, the question arises as to who will do it, and I believe the logical answer is The Government.

PROPAGANDA

No doubt there are those who will shout propaganda, the government will let the people see what they want them to see and no more. However, this would not necessarily be the case. If the government were to set up television facilities in the houses of Congress and in the committee rooms, and make these facilities available to the various accredited networks, it seems as though a satisfactory arrangement could be arranged. The networks could obtain the programs at little or no cost to themselves and could carry them to their viewers on a public service basis, such as for example the speeches of the President are carried on all networks. This would seem to be

the most satisfactory arrangement for a program of this type because it would eliminate the possibility of anyone securing a monopoly or taking advantage of an idea which is the property of all people.

PUBLIC WOULD HEAR ALL

But if the government were in charge of such telecasting, would the public get the whole picture? I believe that they would. If the Republicans felt that the Democrats were timing the debates for the purpose of misleading the public, or vice versa, it seems that they would make their feelings known on the subject.

Perhaps you feel that this solution is too pat. Possibly there would be abuses and difficulties to iron out. But I feel that this is one project that the government should undertake to let us know just what our representatives are doing.

Certainly it is no more of a usurpation of free enterprise than the Government Printing Office publishing the Congressional Record rather than handing it over to a private concern. No, this is not a question government in competition with industry, but more a question of the government investing in democracy.

Your comments on this article, as always, will be gratefully received.

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Hamilton Investigates Reserve Opportunities

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This is first in a series on the opportunities for Commissions in the Services.

With the approach of Spring and with the last leg of undergraduate days well under way for members of the senior class, it would be wise for many to look into the opportunities afforded to college men for receiving commissions in the Armed Forces of the United States whether in the regular establishments or the reserve components.

There are also many programs through which undergraduates can qualify for commission rank while remaining in college.

U.S. MARINE CORPS

The United States Marine Corps offers many means applicable to graduates and undergraduates by which commissions as second lieutenants are tendered in the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve.

Exceptional college graduates, veteran and non-veteran alike, who are not presently members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, may upon direct application to "Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington 25, D.C.", receive consideration for direct appointment as commissioned

officers in the regular Marine Corps.

Former meritorious non-commissioned officers of the Marine Corps or Marine Corps Reserve are eligible for direct commissions upon graduation with a baccalaureate degree. The applicant must be more than twenty years of age but less than twenty-seven on July first of the calendar year in which appointed.

Freshmen and Sophomores may now qualify for "gold bars" in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve through the officer candidate program known as the "Platoon Leaders Class (PLC)" which operates during the summer vacation period. No military training is required during the academic year. By attendance at a six week summer camp held at Quantico,

Virginia, for two years prior to graduation from college, the individual upon receipt of his baccalaureate degree will be appointed as a second lieutenant, USMCR. The requirements for this program are: Be over seventeen years of age on entrance into training and be less than twenty-five years before the thirtieth of June of the calendar year in which graduated from college.

Veterans may qualify for this course by attendance at only one six week summer camp, provided they have served at least one year in any branch of the Armed Forces and graduate within the age requirement.

Major Steve J. Cibik, USMC, who was on the campus last week, said that fourteen Michaelmen submitted applications for this summer's PLC training. Those interested in taking advantage of this opportunity may still secure applications from Capt. John O'Donnell, USMC, at the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center in Burlington any weekday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and also on Monday evenings from 7 - 10 p.m.

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